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SUBJECT: SOVIET GRAIN ESTIMATE

DEPARTMENT PASS AGRICULTURE

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1. EMBASSY VIEWS SUBJECT OF HIGH PRIORITY AND CONCURS WITH NEED FOR RELIABLE OFFICIAL AND UNOFFICIAL GRAIN ESTIMATES. DELAY IN TRANSMITTAL OF INFORMATION REGRETTEED, HOWEVER, EMBASSY DISAGREES THAT THIS IS FIRST UNOFFICIAL ESTIMATE.

2. AGATTACHE HAS PREVIOUSLY REPORTED 60 MILLION TONS FOR WINTER GRAIN HARVEST AND 207-212 MILLION TON TOTAL GRAIN HARVEST IN JULY AND AUGUST RESPECTIVELY. BOTH ESTIMATES STEM FROM RELIABLE SOURCES IN MINAG AND WE BELIEVE ARE MORE REPRESENTATIVE OF REAL TREND THAN "TOP OF THE HEAD" REMARKS.

3. AGATTACHE AGREES THAT INFORMATION ON SIZE OF HARVEST SHOULD BE MADE AVAILABLE IMMEDIATELY, BUT JUDGMENT FACTOR SHOULD BE ATTACHED. CURRENT AGATTACHE ESTIMATE OF 200 MILLION METRIC TONS -- PLUS OR MINUS TWO PERCENT -- REMAINS UNCHANGED. RECENT DISCUSSIONS WITH US-USSR WORKING GROUP IN MOSCOW INDICATED ESTIMATE OF 205 COULD BE FINAL FIGURE.

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